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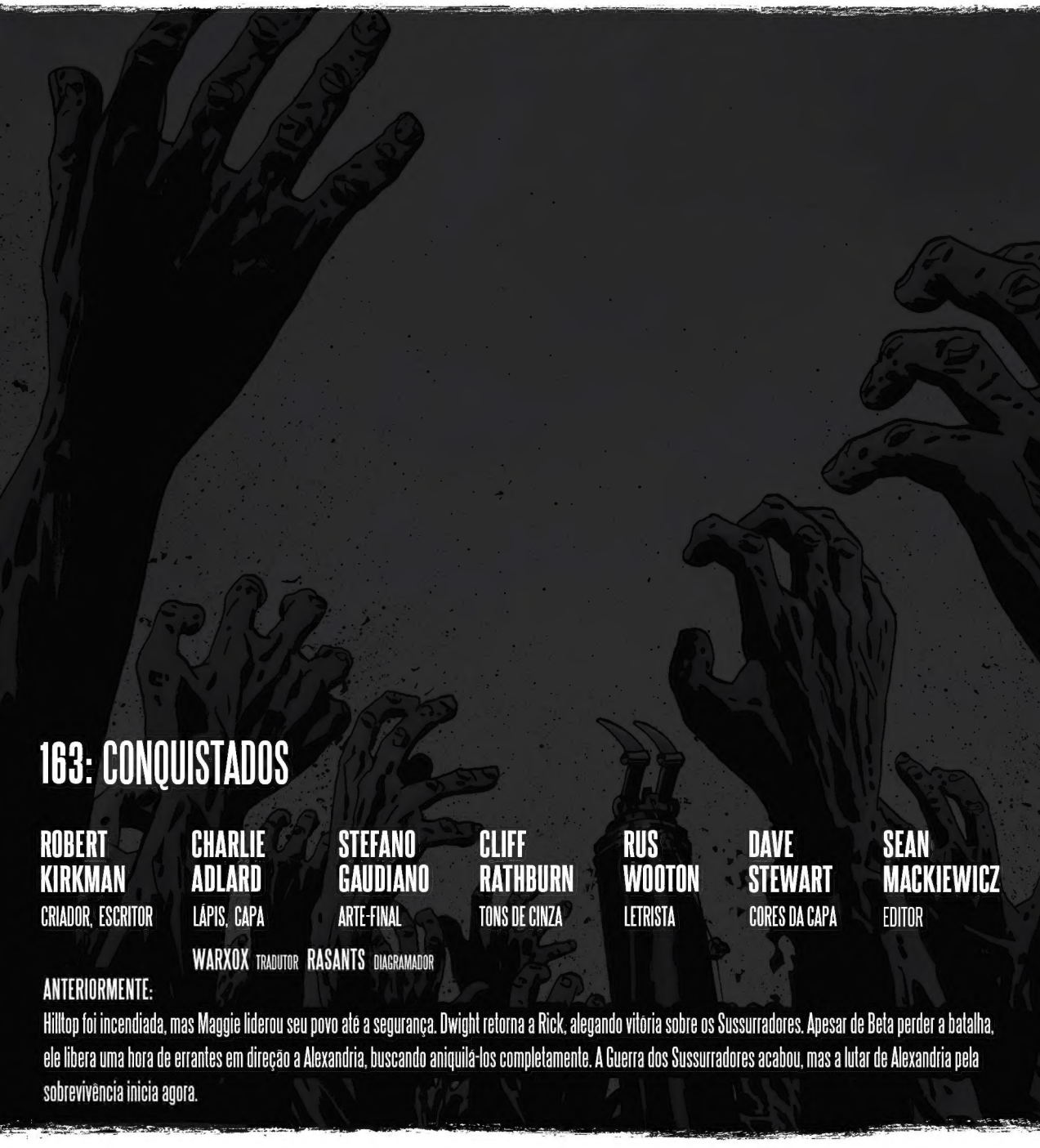

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Hilltop foi incendiada, mas Maggie liderou seu povo até a segurança. Dwight retorna a Rick, alegando vitória sobre os Sussurradores. Apesar de Beta perder a batalha, ele libera uma hora de errantes em direção a Alexandria, buscando aniquilá-los completamente. A Guerra dos Sussurradores acabou, mas a lutar de Alexandria pela sobrevivência inicia agora.

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MEU *DEUS!* ESTÃO TÃO PRÓXIMOS QUE POSSO *OUVI-LOS!*

É ISSO? OH, DEUS...

É... É *ISSO* O QUE É?

SHHHHHH

SIM.

UM OCEANO DE MORTOS.

POR FAVOR ME DIGA QUE NÃO É O QUE PENSO.

SINTO MUITO

VOU REUNIR OS CAVALOS

NÃO. *VOCÊ* NÃO.

PRECISO DE VOCÊ *AQUI*.

DEFINITIVAMENTE NÃO TEMOS TEMPO DE DISCUTIR SOBRE ISSO.

ELA FICARÁ *BEM*. SABE DISSO.

OBRIGADO, MAS VOCÊ SABE QUE NENHUM DE NÓS SABE *DROGA NENHUMA* DO QUE ESTÁ ACONTECENDO. ISSO É MAIS DO QUE NÓS *JAMAIS* LIDAMOS.

EUGENE E SEU GRUPO JÁ DISTRAIU MAIS QUE ALGUMAS MANADAS GRANDES NOS ÚLTIMOS ANOS.

ELES PODEM FAZER ISSO. VOU *AJUDÁ-LOS*.

NÃO ESPERE POR MIM. REÚNA SEUS MELHORES MONTADORES.

VAI!

ODEIO SER O PORTADOR DAS MÁS NOTÍCIAS, MAS-

EU JÁ SEI.

ANNIE DIZ QUE É ENORME... É... MAIS DO QUE ELA *JAMAIS* VIU.

É.

MILHARES. DWIGHT PENSOU QUE TINHAM PEGO TODOS... ELE ERROU FEIO NA CONTAGEM.

SEI QUE NO PASSADO VOCÊ MENCIONOU DESCONTENTAMENTO POR EU IR NESSAS MISSÕES, MAS ACHO QUE PODE CONCORDAR QUE MINHA PERÍCIA AQUI É GRAVEMENTE

EUGENE... VOCÊ NÃO DORMIU. *ACABOU* DE DESMAIAR NA MINHA FRENTE.

E AINDA POSSO SENTIR A ADRENALINA PULSANDO POR MEU CORPO TÃO FORTE QUE PARECE QUE MEUS OLHOS VÃO SALTAR.

ESTOU BEM, RICK. TENHO QUE FAZER ISSO.

ANDREA JÁ ESTÁ REUNINDO OS CAVALOS. ENCONTRE *HEATH*.

NÃO HÁ MUITO TEMPO.

ESTÃO QUASE AQUI!

NÃO TEMOS MUITO TEMPO!

ISSO SOA... TEM MUITOS. DEVERÍAMOS EVACUAR?

NÃO HÁ TEMPO PARA ISSO, SIDDIQ. AS MURALHAS VÃO SEGURAR. *CONFIE EM MIM.*

RICK, VOCÊ É TALVEZ O ÚNICO HOMEM NO PLANETA A QUEM CONFIO MINHA VIDA.

NÃO NOS DECEPCIONE.

SEM PLANOS.

SE EU MUDAR DE IDEIA... PROMETO QUE AVISAREI.

TODOS PRONTOS?

PRONTOS PARA IR.

FICAREI DE OLHO NELA, RICK. NÃO SE PREOCUPE.

ANDREA?

OS MANTEREI SEGUROS, QUERIDO. NÃO SE PREOCUPE COM ELES.

FAREMOS TUDO QUE PUDERMOS, MAS NÃO HÁ GARANTIAS— DE FATO, TENHO CERTEZA QUE SERÁ IMPOSSÍVEL PARA NÓS AFASTARMOS ***TODOS***.

O QUE NÃO PUDEREM AFASTAR, NÓS COMPLETAMOS COM AS BALAS QUE NOS TROUXE.

OBRIGADO.

É HORA!

ABRAM O PORTÃO!

EUGENE! MOSTRE O CAMINHO!

SIGAM-ME CONTINUEM MOVENDO, TEMOS QUE ATRAIR A ATENÇÃO DELES E DAR A VOLTA NELES ANTES QUE NOS ENCURRALEM.

TEMOS QUE PERCORRER O COMPRIMENTO DA MANADA. ISSO ATRAIRÁ ALGUNS DELES COM CERTEZA TALVEZ ATÉ MUDE A DIREÇÃO DELA.

QUANDO CHEGAMOS NO FUNDO, DEEM A VOLTA E COMECEM A SEGUIR PARA O LESTE!

ESSA É MUITO GRANDE... NÃO PODEMOS ENVIÁ-LA ATÉ O DESCONHECIDO TEMOS QUE CONDUZIR ESSES MONSTROS *ATÉ O OCEANO!*

ELES JÁ ESTÃO EM GARGALO NA RUA NÃO PODEMOS PASSAR.

PARA O BECO SIGAM-ME!

NÃO VAMOS CONSEGUIR AFASTAR ESSES MAS VAMOS CONDUZIR O MÁXIMO QUE PUDERMOS PARA LONGE DA RUA.

JÁ SAÍMOS PARA UM BOM COMEÇO...

ESTÃO AO ALCANCE!

VOCÊS OUVIRAM ANNIE!

AÍ VEM ELES!

SE FICARMOS QUIETOS, ELES VÃO PASSAR?

QUEM DERA.

NÃO. EXISTEM MUITOS DELES. ELES NOS CERCARÃO E O RESTO VAI MANTÊ-LOS IMOBILIZADOS. ELES NÃO FICARÃO ENTEDIADOS E VÃO EMBORA.

NOSSA ÚNICA ESPERANÇA É QUE EUGENE POSSA AFASTAR A MAIORIA DELES— E ENTÃO PODEMOS LIMPAR O RESTO.

NENHUM TIRO DISPARADO ENQUANTO ELES TENTAM AFASTÁ-LOS... LOGO VAMOS MATAR O MÁXIMO QUE PUDERMOS, TENTAR RETARDÁ-LOS, FAZÊ-LOS TROPEÇAR.

A TRINCHEIRA QUE ESCAVAMOS VAI RETARDÁ-LOS PODEMOS USAR ISSO.

ISSO VAI FUNCIONAR. NÓS FICAREMOS BEM.

QUE BOM QUE *VOCÊ* ESTÁ CONFIANTE.

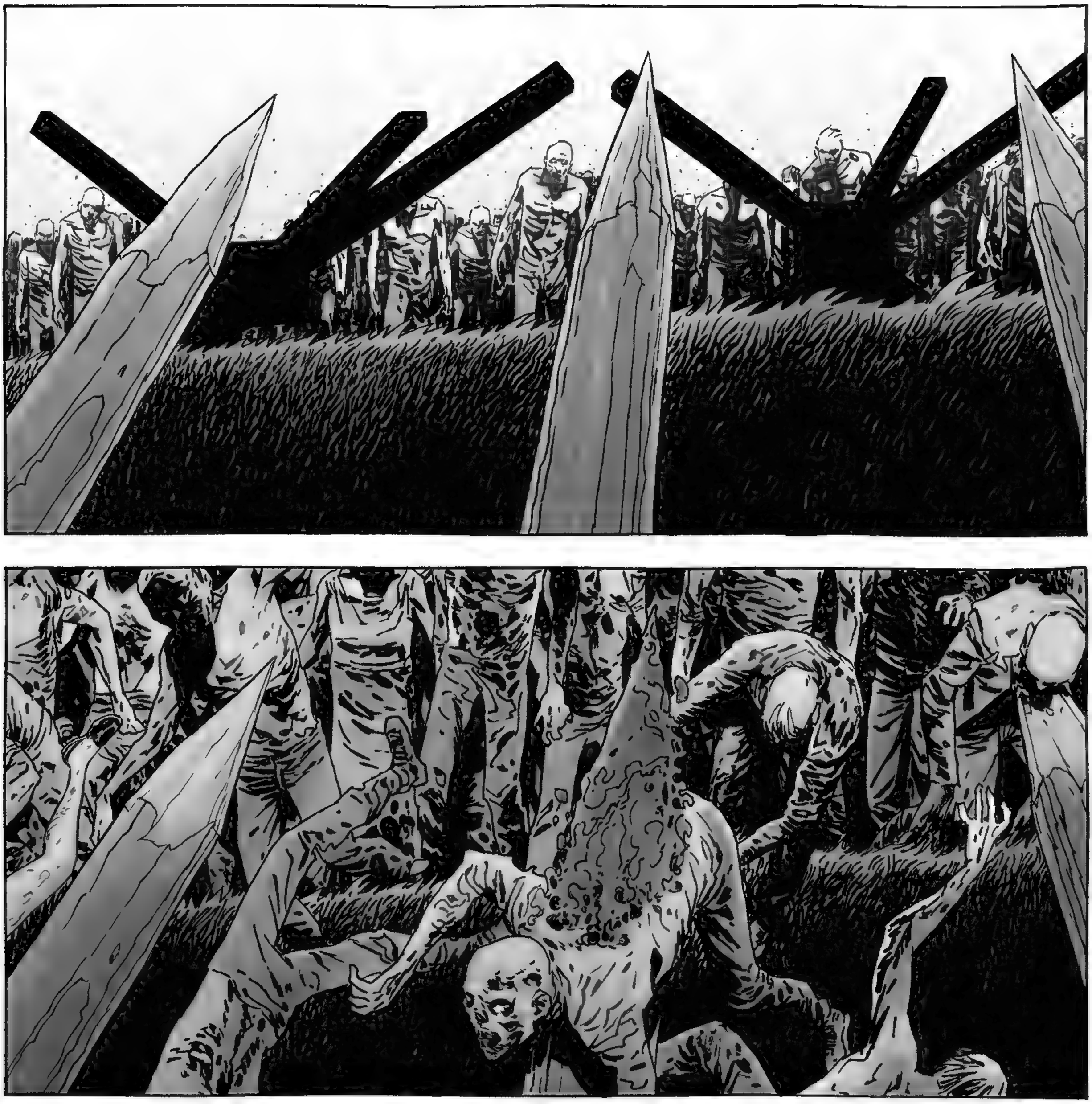
PORQUE DIABOS ESTÃO TODOS PIRANDO?

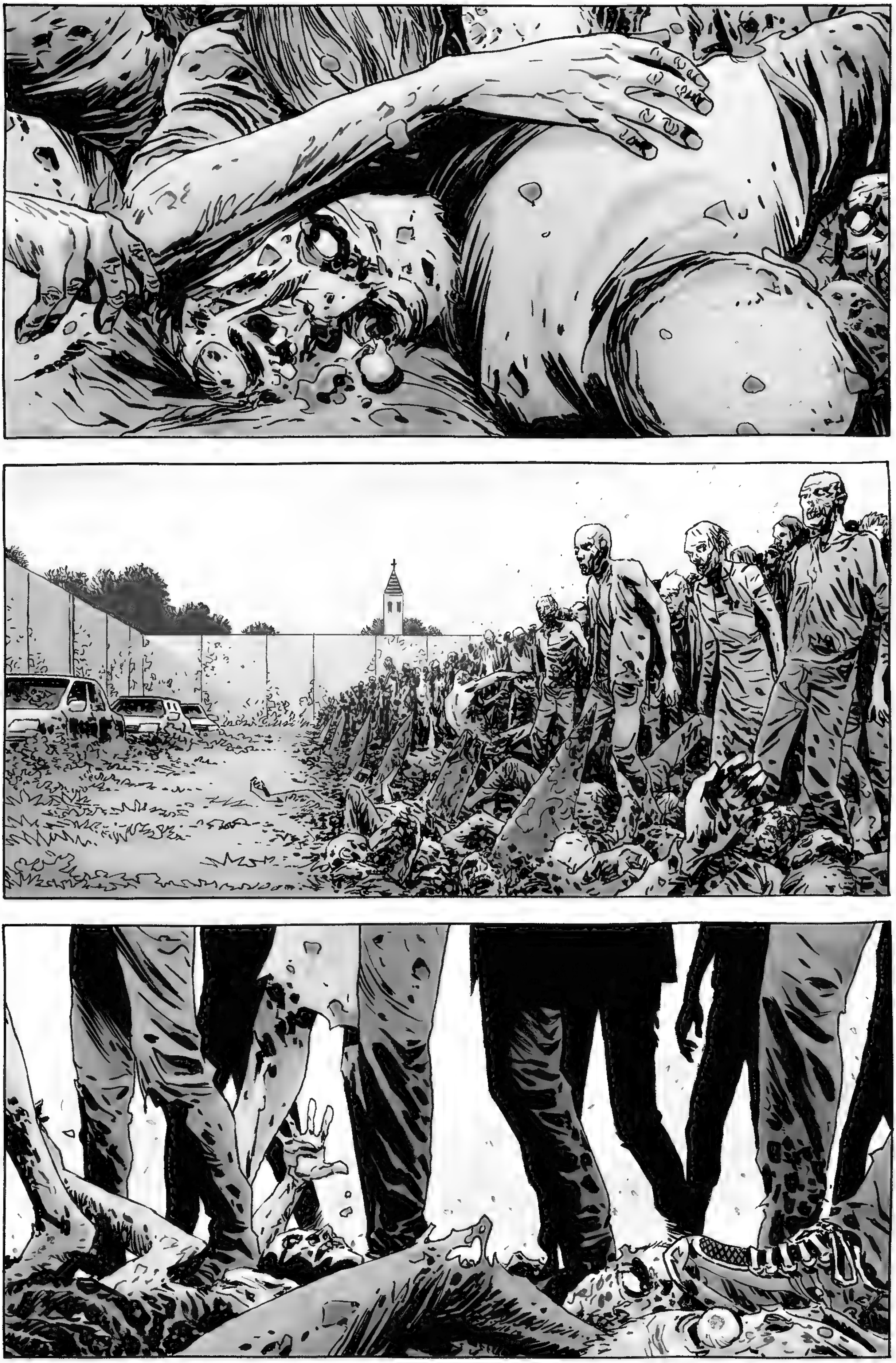
QUE PORRA DE SOM É ESSE?

OH.

VOCÊ NÃO GANHA ARMA. FIQUE FORA DE VISÃO.

VOLTE LÁ PARA DENTRO.





TEM MUITOS DELES!

NÃO PODEMOS QUEBRAR O MOVIMENTO DA MANADA TEM MUITOS DELES PARA MUDAR COMPLETAMENTE SUA DIREÇÃO.

SÓ VAMOS CONSEGUIR RETIRAR UMA CENTENA OU MAIS POR VEZ!

ISSO... ISSO... ISSO VAI LEVAR UM TEMPO.

MAS AINDA VAI FUNCIONAR.

PRECISAMOS FAZER DUPLAS QUANDO RETIRARMOS UM GRUPO, VAMOS ENVIAR COM DOIS DE NÓS. ELES VÃO LEVÁ-LOS EM DIREÇÃO À COSTA ATÉ ENVIARMOS MAIS PARA ENCONTRAR.

PODEMOS IR GRUPO A GRUPO ATÉ TERMINAR... ISSO PODE FUNCIONAR.

PODEMOS FAZER ISSO.

JESUS E EU VAMOS PEGAR ESTE GRUPO. O RESTO DE VOCÊS CAVALGUEM À FRENTE ATÉ ESTAREM FORA DE VISÃO ENTÃO CIRCULEM DE VOLTA.

ISSO É MESMO ALGO.

SE RETIRARMOS ISSO...

SEP

NÃO TEM SE. VAMOS FAZER ISSO. NÃO PODEMOS DEIXAR OS SUSSURRADORES VENCER.

NÃO VAMOS.

NÃO VOU. NÓS LUTAMOS MUITO.

ENTENDO ISSO, É QUE... EU NUNCA VI TANTOS.

SE VIU UM, JÁ VIU TODOS. ELES

SABE DE UMA... TEMOS, O QUE... NEM UMA CENTENA ATRÁS DE NÓS? ISSO É APENAS...

MICHONNE O QUE ESTÁ FAZENDO?!

TOME MEU CAVALO FIQUE UM POUCO À MINHA FRENTE

EU ALCANÇO.

SWAASH!

SVASSH!

SHUKK!

SVAKK!

SVASH!

SHUKK!

OK *SUA* VEZ. NÃO EXAGERE. PEGUE CERCA DE DEZ DELES ENTÃO TROCAMOS.

FAREMOS CINCO OU SEIS RODADAS... E VAMOS TERMINAR.

SIM *BOM PLANO!*

OK, PESSOAL. *USEM AS FACAS!*

EUGENE E O RESTO ESTÃO TENTANDO ATRAÍ-LOS SEM BARULHOS ALTOS AGORA.

TEMOS QUE DESBASTÁ-LOS NA CERCA TEM MUITOS DELES...

ENTÃO VAMOS APENAS ESFAQUEÁ-LOS, DEIXÁ-LOS CAIR, E ENTÃO PEGAR AQUELES ATRÁS DELES?

NÃO TEM COMO EU FICAR DE FORA DESSA.

AFASTEM-SE.

SHUNK

VAMOS CAIR NA MATANÇA, SEUS PORRAS TÍMIDOS! ESSES CRÂNIOS NÃO VÃO SE FURAR SOZINHOS.

CHUPEM ESSAS BOLAS ENFIADAS EM SUAS VIRILHAS E COLOQUEM-NAS *DE VOLTA* NO SACO!

...

ESCUTEM O HOMEM!

SHAKK!

THOKK!

SHUKK!

SHRAKK!

OH, JESUS ESTÃ... PARA TRÃS... NÃO

ESTÃO SENDO ESMAGADOS.

SKRANG!!

TODO MUNDO PARA TRÁS!!

CORRAM!!

TEMOS QUE CONTÊ-LOS RETARDÁ-LOS!

OU ENTÃO ELES VÃO NOS *ATROPELAR!*

SHUKK!

E SE QUEIMARMOS ELES ISSO VAI NOS LIVRAR DELES VÃO COLOCAR FOGO UM NO OUTRO!

NÃO!

ISSO VAI INCENDIAR A PORRA DA CIDADE!

NÃO TEM O CARALHO DE MUITAS OPÇÕES AQUI!

MEU DEUS

YEEAGGHH!

PAULA!

WRAKK!

ENCONTRE MIKEY!

MANTENHA-O

...

WHUDD!

PORRA!

PORRA!

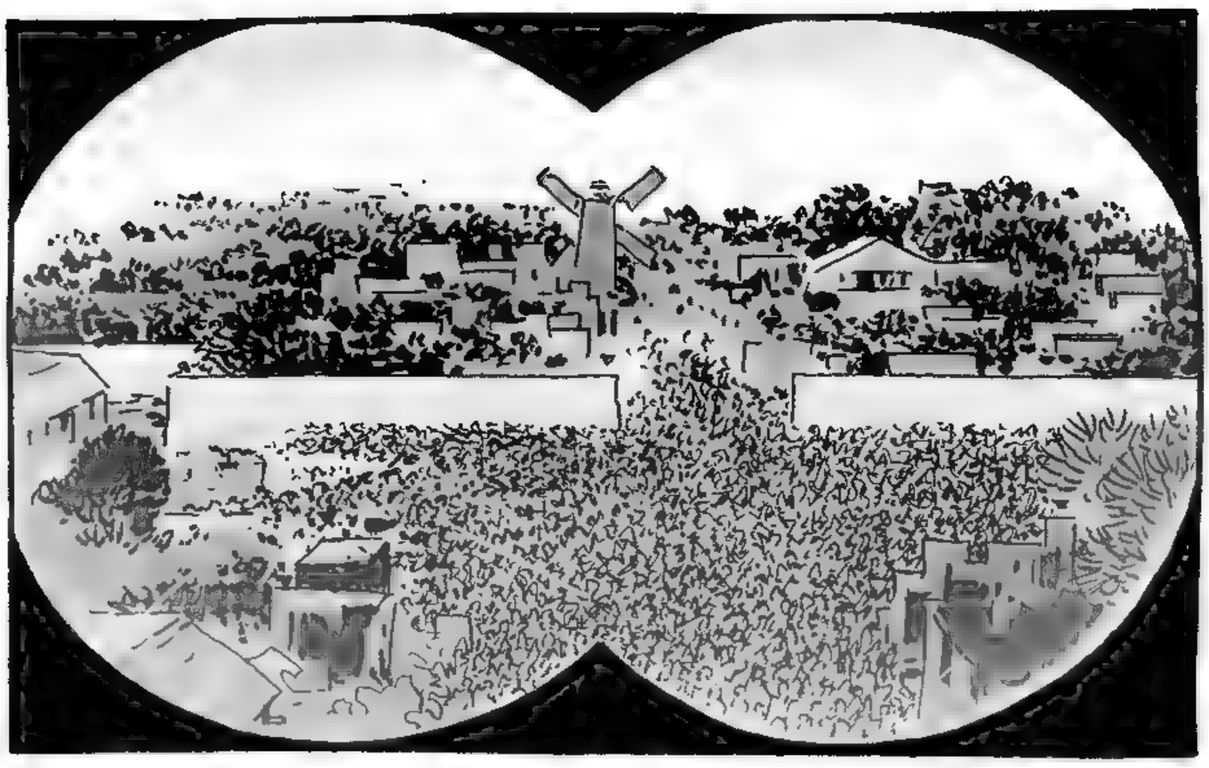
GUNGHE

SHUKK!

ISSO COMPENSA POR *TUDO*, CERTO? MESMO TENDO SIDO EU QUEM FODEU O CARALHO DA PERNA NO INÍCIO?
BEM?

VOCÊ É UM HOMEM DIFÍCIL DE AGRADAR DA PORRA, RICK GRIMES.

JOHN?! O QUE FOI? QUAL É— NÃO ME DEIXE NO SUSPENSE!
O QUE ESTÁ HAVENDO?



ESSE VAI SER UM *PUTA* PROGRAMA.

LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT: WALKINGDEAD@SKYBOUND.COM

Welcome to the letters page! This issue is pretty special for a number of reasons. First, it's issue 163, which not many series get to. I think, like, 10 in the history of comics have. Two, this is our special introductory-priced 25-cent issue... so maybe lots of you reading this are first-timers... or have only read the trades and thought a cheap issue like this was a good chance to dip your toes in the walker-infested waters. We also printed LOTS. This is definitely the most we've printed of any single THE WALKING DEAD issue, which, honestly, was the goal. If you've made it this far, I'm the editor, Sean. And the surly italics belong to Robert.

Sean, you idiot, there have been tons of comics over issue 163. At least 30... or so. (This is the kind of magic you've been missing if you only read the collections.) But, yes, this issue has received orders for nearly 750,000 copies... which is huge. We thought, what better way to get people excited for the 25th ANNIVERSARY OF IMAGE COMICS than to do some very special micro-priced comics! (INVINCIBLE #133 and OUTCAST #25 are also 25 cents this month.) We never could have imagined it would go over this well. I have to say, that's PARTICULARLY funny because I actually lose money for every copy sold, since it's only a quarter... and Rus Wooton ain't lettering no comic for free! So as the numbers climbed as orders came in... it was somewhat bittersweet. Christmas at the Kirkman household will be a sock-heavy event for 2017. It builds character, I'll tell them, but tears will sadden my heart all the same.

So I hope you guys liked this 25-cent issue!

To make things even CRAZIER, I wanted to extend this issue to a full 28 pages of story! So there's even more bang for your quarter-buck! But, really, this whole thing is done as a thank you. Charlie, myself, and everyone involved with THE WALKING DEAD have been so lucky to have the support of this fan base over the years. It's something that we appreciate far more than words can convey, so we do our best to show that we care deeply for this fan base when we can.

We love you guys! Sorry these stories are sad so often!

This is my first time writing in so here It goes.

How the HELL is Maggie going to react when she see's Negan out of his cage and free to wander the fields of Georgia. I imagine she's going to have a fit or something. It would be insane to see some sort of interaction between Negan and Baby Hershel considering he smashed his dads face in. Maggie dies and Hershel raised by Negan spin off? Love all you guys and don't know what I would do without the walking dead. Keep up the hard work on the comic and the show!

- Mason
Essex, England

That *would* be interesting. Will it ever happen? It's like Ol' Dirty Bastard said, "Negan is for the kids."

Where is Negan? What I mean by this, is where is the Negan we used to know? I've been a ridiculously huge Negan fan since day one. He became my favourite character real quick. Where is he? The character you have now is not Negan. He has some decent lines, but that's it. He doesn't seem like he would have ever been believable as a leader, much less a guy anyone would have bowed or kneeled before. He lets Dwight berate him on a fairly regular basis, for fuck sake. He's anything but scary and his biggest goal seems to be to impress Rick.

I've remained hopeful that things would turn around, maybe it would be a trick, leading to betrayal. I've lost that hope. Even while he was in prison, he acted like Negan. There was absolutely no remorse or anything like that. He even brought up what he did to Glenn, just to get to Rick. Once he got out, he killed Brandon, then Alpha. That made perfect sense. After that, he's gone downhill. If he had started this way, I'm not sure I ever would have cared about the character. I want them to See NEGAN again.

Thank you,

Rico M.

Sorry you're not happy with the current direction of the character, Rico. His time being incarcerated has changed him, to be sure. But I wouldn't rule out seeing more of that ruthless Negan popping up from time to time.

O Dearest Robert,

Where did your balls go? I'm genuinely concerned that you may have a hernia.

You have to love our readers' sense of anatomy! Off to med school you go!

In the first war of this series, shit got fucked up real quick. The Governor ass raped Rick and Co. (some literally) and you had a mother holding her baby get shot. You had some Carl sized brass balls then. But now, the only people we've lost in The Whisperer War was a baseball bat and a character we forgot existed. Hell, we didn't even lose any pointless redshirts in the Hilltop attack. Where is all the good shit you promised? Nothing monumental has happened in 5 out of the 6 issues of this war, so unless the Whisperers secret weapon is an atomic bomb, I really don't see

how this will end up being the best war. Did the Whisperers completely fall apart without Alpha? Cause one person killed more people than an entire army. I don't get it.

I hope you find your balls sometime soon.

Best regards,
Philip Bilyeu

I do my best to remain in constant contact with my balls. Sorry if it sometimes doesn't seem that way. In my opinion, there should be LESS death in the book now, MUCH less, because the careless people, the scared people... the people learning how to live in this world... are already dead. This is the cream of the crop, so to speak. So, yes, there can be a conflict like the Whisperer War, and there can be very little death. You think Michonne is going to just let herself get bitten by a zombie or stabbed by a Whisperer at this point? It wouldn't be believable! Rick, Andrea, Carl, Jesus, Dwight, Negan, Maggie... these people are tempered steel! That's not to say they're invulnerable, or "safe" now... but it would take a LOT to kill them.

You forgot to mention Eugene. Unless...

Dear Kirk-Fucking-man and his ama-fucking-zing crew

I haven't read all the letters you have published, so I dont know if someone has talked about this. Well, to make some context, I'm a medicine student, and I took a general formation course about Grieving process in the health professionals.

Oh, shit! An ACTUAL med student. Do YOU know about this balls-hernia stuff? You do?! Fascinating!

So we learnt its stages, kinds, characteristics, etc. And one of the risk factors to suffer a pathologic grieving (PG) is to have more than one grieving process at the same time or in a short amount of time. It doesn't mean that if you have what I said you will have a PG, but with the amount of grieving the people should have undergo in TWD, I'm pretty sure almost everyone should have a PG. So there comes the question, did you know what I told you? I don't mind if the answer is yes or no, because what I really want to know is if you realize that almost everyone in the comic should be more fucked up than what they are ('cos it always can be fucking worse, you prove it every month)

Great #161, by the way. I almost cried thinking Carl could die. Please don't kill him, neither Rick nor Andrea. I don't give as much fucks for anyone else as I do for these three.

Fucking-motherfuckery greetings
Javier Contreras N.
Santiago, Chile

Everyone should be more fucked up? Noted.

Hey Guys,

1. THANK YOU for creating so many badass women for me to admire. I've always been a bit of a tomboy, and to see that I may have an edge in the zombie apocalypse is pretty cool. Makes me worry less about figuring out how to use makeup and hair goop.

How half our population got roped into painting their faces every day is something I will never understand. Who has time for that, really? Hair goop on the other hand... let's not be savages.

2. Are you willing to give Eugene an official Asperger's diagnosis? That's how I interpret the character, but I'm not sure if that's what you guys are going for.

That's a part of his character, yes. I'd say Eugene is definitely on the spectrum... and I'd argue he's the most important character for the potential to rebuild society. He's very important.

So *he's* "safe", huh? Unless...

3. Is it fucked up that when I have a baby, I want to include the full page image of Maggie & Hershel with the "YAY" caption somewhere in the nursery? I feel like it's a great metaphor for the struggles of parenting. Not sure my husband will go for it, but it's worth a shot.

I recommend putting it inside your liquor cabinet. That's where I'd put it.

All parents get exactly what you're saying.

Looking forward to 162 and beyond!

Nikki - Pearl River, NY.

Me too!

Long time fan, love what you all do, pleasantries blah blah blah

Nicely done.

Listen. People (not only in the hacks, but fans I talk to in person) are counting out Lord Grimes way too quickly. The man isn't fighting on the lines because he doesn't need to anymore! He's built his larger world, and he has implemented a system that keeps others, along with those he cares most about SAFE, and as long as that's intact, he's staying in. However, now that he's a little more threatened, he's getting ready. Readers may have missed him wearing his bomber jacket (or the ass kicking jacket as my friends and I call it) when speaking to Dwight a few issues back, but once I saw it back on his shoulders, I knew it was time. At risque of being Cliche, I STILL believe in Rick Grimes. Also, these parallels between Rick/Carl and Rick/Magna are incredible. Very ready for Carl to take any lead he can get.

Are we creating parallels? Did I miss that?

Just go with it, Sean.

That being said! The Saviors plan on cleaning up once Rick and Alexandria are weakened, which is leading me to believe a certain (until recently) baseball bat wielding maniac is going to have a very important decision to make. Does he finish what he started? Or do we get the first glimpse of a new Negan? Regardless I couldn't be more excited for what's to come. Keep em coming fellas!
Sam Romesburg
Frederick, MD

Not telling! Keep reading.

Hey Walking Dead People,

I have a question about Sherry's big plan: Aren't there any Saviors that are at least somewhat cool with Rick, seeing as he basically got rid of the tyrant who made some of their lives pretty shitty? Also, I would be delighted if Dwight ends up shooting Sherry through the eye, Abraham style. (I expect to be credited if you choose to do this)

Also in 157, Magna and Dwight had a bit of a moment, to Laura's dismay. Is that going anywhere?

Keep doing you,
Cal
Cincinnati, Ohio

You'll just have to keep reading to see! And as far as Sherry and the Saviors' plans... we'll see more of that in the coming issues, and all will be explained. People don't always appreciate the things you do to "fix" their lives...

Robert,

You can lie to yourself about how you're not just reusing the same tired story over and over again but you can't lie to your customers. And just as an aside if the people buying your stuff believes that stuff has gotten repetitive it has. You may have different "big bads" but essentially everything is the same. The group is presented with some adversary that is stronger than them in someway and they work to make up those deficiencies to have some grand showdown. Now out of these Rick has won two against the hunters and Negan and lost against the Governor. So hey maybe Rick loses or even dies its still the exact same story told in a slightly different way. And now your going to recycle the Saviors? Sean said they'd all have vastly different lives after this arc; different from what? Different would be living a stable life without some big bad to face. Different would be literally anything other than what has happened so far. So they are forced from the Hilltop seen it or they rebuild seen it or they go on the road seen it or they fight the Saviors again seen it. You still have the number one rated show on cable and your book sells great but just go read what your customers are saying. Hint hint it's exactly what I'm saying now and what people have been saying since you debuted Negan. Ratings have dipped this season, right? You just keep on lying to yourself and worse your customers and you'll be remembered as the guy who wrote a very good comic that was adapted to tv but got full of himself ran out of ideas and kept repackaging the same story over and over until everyone lost interest. I quit after Alpha marked the border because of this. I came back recently but to be honest I wish I hadn't. The Saviors again really? But I'm sure you'll ignore this and every other customer who complains and well have another survivor's vs big bad of the week. I'll finish this arc because it's only one more book but you'll have to have something pretty spectacular to get me to stay and no Savior war 2.0 won't cut it.

Adam Hurst

Letter Hacks has always been a place for opinions. Is yours valid? You bet. Do I like it when someone conflates their opinion with every other reader? Not really. Am I going to run a really positive letter right after yours? Absolutely!

Before that, though... one joke: "Would printing your letter be spectacular enough to get you to stay? Because we're doing that!"

All joking aside... I sometimes come off as flippant in the letters columns because I'm trying to make these things entertaining. I regret that it sometimes can make it seem like I don't care. I DO. I could argue with you all day that this story is not repetitious. Have they fought the Saviors before? Sure. Was Negan with them when they did? No. BAM! Different story. But you're more than welcome to disagree. If you hate the book, you hate the book. One thing that does bug me... everyone who suddenly has a complaint always says I'm being lazy, or I don't care anymore... and that does bug me, because that couldn't be further from the truth. What if I just suck? What if I've been trying REALLY HARD and this is the ABSOLUTE BEST I can do? Have you ever thought about that? Have you?! I'm not saying it is that, I desperately hope it isn't... but y'know... there's only so many possibilities... Thanks for writing, Adam!

The Walking Dead is the first comic that I have ever read. I read it after watching 6 seasons of the show. I have never been disappointed in either the comic or the show. You ROCK!

I love how you can read the comics and sort of know what's going to happen next, but also you don't follow the comic to the T, so the differences and surprises are awesome.

As a 37 year old woman, I can't tell you how much I love TWD. When I watch it, I see the family dynamic that has been created out of a world of turmoil. If a ZA were to ever happen, being with your family is how you survive. No matter how that family is created.

My kids can't wait to watch the show, but they are a bit too young right now. I want my daughter to see how badass Michonne is. She's like a modern day Pam Grier.

I was hoping someone on the Internet had already comped an image of Pam Grier as Michonne, or drew a pic of it, but no luck. Would LOVE to see one, though...

I have watched the show 3 times now. Every time I watch it, I find something new that I didn't notice before. I'm always amazed that I missed things.

No matter what the haters say, I will be with the TWD until the end. Keep up the FANTASTIC work. I can't want until the second half of season 7 or the next comic.

A sincerely loyal fan!
Cicily Pope

BAAAAMMMMMM! Another satisfied customer. It's incredibly gratifying to hear that this is the first comic you have ever read. Thanks for your support.

Robert and Sean,

We need a map.
The Hilltop is burning, and the Whisperers are returning to camp. I keep wanting to turn to the inside cover to see how far they are from Alexandria, and where all the other groups are.

I bet Charlie could draw a beautiful map.

The story keeps getting better and better,
Matt Grillo
Springfield, Massachusetts

I mostly ran this letter so Robert could yell at me, "Why haven't we made a map already?!" We've talked about it, we love maps. Maybe if we ever do another SURVIVOR'S GUIDE, that would be an awesome thing to include.

Yeah... map... we have talked about that for YEARS. SEAN.

Hey guys!

Thanks for keeping me excited every month for the next issue of TWD. Just finished #161 and I'm going stir crazy waiting for the conclusion to the Whisper Wars. I recently re-read all the earlier material and I have to say that the progression of Charlie Adlard's art blows my mind. Charlie Adlard, you bring an edginess to the comics that the show will never have. Your cover art is a big part of what keeps me buying single issues every month.

Keep cranking out the good shit, guys!

Bonnie
Golden, Colorado

We love Charlie. He gave up a career drawing maps to draw comics. True story.

Ha! Charlie is the best!

Hello team!

With New Frontier (episodes 1 and 2) being released, and seeing as how Clementine and Jesus end up crossing paths, can you give any details on the likely hood of Clementine showing up in the comic or the TV show? Obviously the characters in the comic book are not frozen in time when they are not being written about (could you imagine?) and the events between Clementine and Jesus could happen "off screen", but as you have said that New Frontier and the comic are around the same time frame, it seems if there were a time to introduce her (in the comic) it would be soon. A reappearing character would be nice, (fingers crossed!!) but even a single appearance would be amazing!

Thanks,
Matthew Friesen

Telltale's latest installment of their TWD game series, The New Frontier, occurs during the time jump after TWD #126. So a lot could happen before she ever appeared. And that's not me being coy. I have no idea... yet. It takes time to write those things.

Dear Kirkman & Sean

I am writing this in science class. I am a thirteen year old and I just read the whole walking dead comic in a month. I will tell you right now, the amount of stress I had to hold in because everyone I know only watches the show was unbearable and very bad for my grades.

If it's a choice between bad grades and spoiling a TV show, spoil the damn show. And probably learn how to fight.

I was going to write about the whole series but I decided not to. I'm just going to go with the main stuff after Negan. First I think I remember you writing in letter hacks early on talking about how gaveling zombies that could throw there voice would be weird, but I might be wrong. I was also freaking out when you killed off Rosita and Ezekiel. I felt really sorry for Eugene. Also why would you have Carl do it with Lydia. He should be with Sofia.

Because sometimes teenagers confuse lust for love. And sometimes girls a couple years older can teach you a lot. And sometimes you just do it with different people before you end up with someone you love.

I also know that Negan's probably going to turn on them and Rick should not have trusted him. Also poor Lucille. Also now I have to wait a month for the next issue and it is really bugging me. I really do like the comic book and the show it was sad when Glenn was killed because I practically grew up with him.

Well I encourage you to keep working on the walking dead and I hope it never ends. You are a big inspiration to me and my cousin because we actually started to try and write a zombie apocalypse comic. I promise we won't try to steal your stuff. Your whole teach is awsome and deserves so much praise.

Scincerly
Matthew Schafer

P.S. sorry about the spelling and punctuation.

Matthew, please don't apologize. At 13 years old, your spelling and punctuation far exceeds a lot of what gets printed here. You're awesome. Just please start paying attention in science class.

Yes, always awesome to hear from the younger readers. Lines like "I grew up with Glenn" will always be cool to hear, despite how old they make me feel. Good to hear you're inspired. Never stop writing! Stories of your own, or letters to us. Do both!

Hey, and if you've read THIS far, you should know that you don't have to wait the customary month to read our next issue. Oh, no, no, no... TWO WEEKS from now, 2/15, the day after you've shamelessly debased yourself on Valentine's Day, #164 will be in stores! And since we're proud to help celebrate Image's 25th Anniversary this month, there will be an alternate cover by Ryan (INVINCIBLE) Ottley and Nathan (also INVINCIBLE) Fairbairn, homaging my original Image love, WildC.A.T.s! We never stopped loving Jim Lee, even after the affair was over. Peace!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Yes, these Image tribute covers for the month of February are just the raddest things ever. Also, it's fun to be putting out two issues in one month--wish we could do it more often (but seriously, we can't, don't ask).

-Robert Kirkman

While you're here, please check out the preview for Skybound's newest comic, EXTREMITY! It's a beautiful and crazy comic about a young woman named Thea, who seeks revenge on the clan that ruined her family. It comes out March 1st, so if you like it, please tell your local retailer you want one!